

(d) the steps taken to prevail upon those State Governments to bring down the prices of sugar-cane; and

(e) the alternative steps taken by the Government to assist the sugar mills which are facing crisis on account of the steep increase in the price of sugar-cane?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Government has not received notice of closure of any sugar mill till yet.

(d) The Central Government has written to State Governments of sugar producing States requesting them to bear in mind the implications of announcing excessive state advised cane prices, which if not kept under check would lead to accumulation of cane price arrears and breed sickness in the industry.

(e) In order to improve the viability of sugar factories, Central Government had taken various measures such as continuation of levy to free sale ratio at 45 : 55 and announcement of higher free sale quota on sugar production achieved during the early crushing period 1st October, 1991 to 15th November, 1991. Ex-factory levy sugar prices for 1991-92 season would also be revised.

Raids on Public Distribution Centres in Delhi

2063. SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL:
SHRI SURYA NARAYAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of public distribution centres raided in Delhi during the year 1990-

91 and the current year upto November, 1991;

(b) the details of the raid; and

(c) the number of persons found guilty and the details of the action taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUD-DIN AHMED): (a) and (b). Details of the raids made are as follows:

	(Jan. to Dec. 1990)	(Jan. to 15th Nov. 1991)
F.P. Shops	291	915
K.Oil Depot	140	479
Coal Depot	...	12
Total	431	1406

(c) Action has been taken against 159 persons in 1990 and 557 persons in 1991 as a result of these raids. Details of action taken against them are indicated below:-

	(Jan. to Dec. 1990)	(Jan. to 15th Nov. 1991)
FIRS	5	55
Persons arrested	6	80
Departmental action	148	422
Total	159	557

Tube-Wells in Orissa

2064. SHRI SUBASH CHANDRA NAYAK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be